

# ARIZONA NEWS RELEASE

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## **Arizona Planting Intentions Survey Results**

Upland cotton acreage in Arizona is expected to total 220,000 acres, a decrease of 10,000 acres from a year ago, according to a planting intentions survey conducted by the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Arizona Field Office. Arizona's American-Pima producers intended to plant 7,000 acres, an increase of 2,900 acres. Nationally, upland cotton acres are expected to total 14.3 million, up 3 percent from 2005 and American-Pima acreage is expected to increase 24 percent, to a record high 334,000. California producers expect to plant 290,000 acres, up 26 percent from last year.

Field corn acreage for all purposes is expected to total 55,000 acres in Arizona, 10 percent more than a year ago. For the United States, corn growers intend to plant 78.0 million acres, down 5 percent from 2005.

Arizona sorghum growers are expected to plant 24,000 acres, 4 percent more than in 2005. Nationally, sorghum acreage is expected to increase fractionally to 6.48 million acres.

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Arizona hay growers are expected to harvest a record high 310,000 acres, 10,000 acres more than last year. This acreage includes both alfalfa and other types of hay. Total U.S. hay acreage intended to be harvested is estimated at 61.5 million acres, down fractionally from a year ago.

Arizona's Durum wheat seedings are estimated at 70,000 acres, down 10,000 acres from 2005. For the United States, area seeded to Durum wheat is expected to total 1.83 million acres, down 34 percent from 2005. If realized, this would be the lowest planted acreage since 1961. Arizona's seedings of wheat other than Durum are set at 4,000 acres, a decrease of 1,000 acres. Arizona's barley acreage is estimated at 30,000 acres, down 4,000 acres from last year. Nationally, barley growers intend to plant 3.67 million acres for 2006, down 5 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the lowest barley planted acreage on record.

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